an effective infrastructure for Standardisation, Testing and Quality Control (STQC), the Department of Electronics. STQC Directorate have already set up/promoted 4 Electronics Regional Test Laboratories (ERTLs), one Centre for Reliability and 15 Electronics Test & Development Centres (ETDCs) located at various places in the country. These Laboratories / Centres have been equipped with modern/sophisticated test and calibration facilities for testing the electronic products as per requirements of both domestic and export markets.

(b) and (c) No specific complaint in this regard has been received in the Department of Electronics.

(d) At present, the testing of electronic products for quality is voluntary except in cases where major users like Department of Telecommunication, Department of Space and the Ministry of Defence insist on Quality Certificate mainly from their departmental laboratories. The testing facilities available at Electronics Regional Test Laboratories/Electronics Test and Development Centres (ERTLs/ETDCs) can be made use for different types of Quality Certificates. Recently, a quality certification scheme for consumer products such as TV sets and Personal Computers has been introduced by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Department of Electronics, Standardisation Testing & Quality Control (STQC) Directorate.

Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, a three-tier quasi-judicial machinery at district, State and national levels for redressal of consumer grievances has been set up.. A Consumer Interface Cell is also operating in the Department of Electronics which takes up the complaints from consumer directly with the manufacturers of consumer electronic items.

Three Indian Laboratories viz. Electronics Regional Test Laboratories located at Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay set up under the Department of Electronics have been authorised by International Electro-technical Commission for Quality Assessment of Electronics Components (IEQC), Geneva as Independent Test Laboratories (ITLs) which can test and certify electronic components for export to 24 Member countries including USA, USSR, Japan,, South Korea, FRG, UK and other European countries.

Delinking Indian Olympic Association from politicians

3141. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to delink the Indian Olympic Association from politicians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

The Indian Olympic Association is an independent and autonomous body, being a Society registered under the Registration of Societies Act.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Making social service compulsory for getting Government jobs

3142. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make social service compulsory for getting Government jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) Appointment to various posts under the Government is made taking into account the qualifications for experience required for proper discharge of the functions of the respective posts. There is no proposal to make social service as compulsory for appointment to all Government posts.

Emphasis on forestry to reduce pollution

3143. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving more emphasis on forestry to reduce pollution;

(b) whether Government have any programme to utilise funds under this scheme for plantation and rehabilitation;

(c) if so, the extent of seedlings planted during 1989-90; and

(d) what was the outlay or estimated amount for Fourth and Fifth years of Seventh Five Year Plan under the State Plan and the centrally sponsored plan in the forestry sector?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Afforestation reduces pollution by absorbing carbondioxide and some other gases.

(b) and (c) There is no programme to utilise funds under pollution schemes for plantation and rehabilitation of forests.

(d) The details of outlays under Forestry sector for 4th and 5th year of 7th Plan were as under:—

Year	Financial Outlays (Rupees in crores)	
	Its Central Sector	
1988-89	401.49	95.99
1989-90	428.90	104.30

Execution of Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-Sensitive Non-Himalayan areas

3144. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have executed the scheme of Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-Sensitive Non-Himalayan trees during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Orissa has also been executing this Scheme;

(c) if so, the number of districts covered under this scheme during 1989-90; and

(d) what are the achievements thereof during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Seven districts viz. Balasore, Cuttack, Bolangir Ganjam Puri, Koraput and Kalahandi were covered under the Scheme in Orissa during 1989-90.

(d) In all 35,919 hectares of plantations were raised in Orissa under the Scheme during the Seventh Plan period, of which the achievement during 1989-90 is 9050 hectares.

Implementation of Recommendations of Justice Mishra Committee

3145. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Justice Mishra Pay Committee Report which is based on the Fourth Central Pay Commission has been implemented by certain Public Sector Undertakings following the Third Central Pay Commission for their employees;

(b) if so, what are the public sector undertakings which have imple-